

WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

The wages of son is Darth

First the bad news: my daughter, having attained the age of five, reckons she is now in line for pocket money, and opens her talks with a rock-solid posture: "Eighty quid a day."

(I had a throw), but I quash my scepticism. Suddenly I am a Keynesian, and quite happy to spend my way out of trouble.

Better news yet: she has completed her first column, which I here quote in full. "Dear Giles, please come to my party next year. It has a certain frankness, I agree, but if that's 800 words, then I'm Joanna Lumley."

Still better: the Rillington Junior International has broken. The tiny tape, through which she has dribbled all manner of seditious prose, is sundered from the reel, and I cannot, in all honesty, fix the thing. She is "going up to The Times to complain."

The Junior Mint has arrived. I was expecting it to land with the portentous thud of new plant, but the thing has fluttered down on to the mat with the rest of the final demands.

My daughter cites Morgan Prewitt, that most unstable of six-year-olds, as a precedent in the cash grant controversy. He, I am told, is in receipt of "millions of pounds a day" to keep him in Darth Vader masks and all the other accoutrements of today's fighting child.

Return from work to find the front room awash with pristine currency. Daughter husbanding same with the sinistrous glow of a self-made millionaire.

Her husband, Trevor, was also devastated. "We didn't talk about it in any reasonable way. We were too busy trying to comfort each other, just trying to let it sink in," Lynne said.

Concerned that she would need so much time off work, Lynne offered to leave her job with an architect's

practice in Richmond, Surrey. The partners refused to accept her resignation and suggested that she should work when the company was busy.

Between radiotherapy sessions, Lynne pushed herself to take her final professional examination in radiology. "It was very traumatic. Until the week before, I thought I would drop out."

Cancer is a disease that strikes fear into the hearts of everyone

Annette Gartland met one woman who is fighting it... and winning

Lynne Pemberton was told last winter that she had cancer of the cervix - the neck of the womb. This January she underwent a radical Wertheim's hysterectomy when the uterus, cervix, ovaries, fallopian tubes and lymph nodes in the area are removed.

The lymphogram was clear - her first good news in months. Between radiotherapy sessions, Lynne pushed herself to take her final professional examination in radiology.

For about six weeks after the operation, movement was painful and slow, and Lynne was extremely tired. She mostly "marched up and down, drank water and slept".

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Lynne Pemberton with her husband: they married to give one another more support

have children. It is too early, she says, to consider adoption. "Even though they've given me the maximum possible chance of nothing else happening, I'm not really convinced. I have to tell myself that I'm likely to be around in 20 years time."

Lynne felt that everyone who dealt with, or looked after her was "really wonderful". She felt well-informed. But she believes there could have been more explanation about the physical reaction to a hysterectomy and perhaps some printed information about the operation.

TALKBACK

Judging the shoplifters

From Mr Philip Joseph, Books Etc, Charing Cross Road, London, WC2. Quite correctly, Mrs Williams (Friday Page, July 22) asks for a more humane approach to suspected shoplifters but then goes on to request supermarkets to adopt greater willingness to assess a person's background before deciding to prosecute.

We run a small chain of bookshops and employ staff to try to deter shoplifting and security staff to catch shoplifters. We put notices stating All Thieves Will Be Prosecuted. This we do regardless of age, sex or background.

From Nicholas Moss, Marine Avenue, North Ferrisby, Humberside. In her article on shoplifting Veronica Grocock included part of a Home Office report Theft in Shops.

Among recommendations in the report, as a means to protect the sick and elderly from the experience of prosecution for shoplifting, is an alternative to the criminal charge of theft: "Taking goods without authority and without making payment".

While the report's motives are entirely laudable, the implication of this is to create what amounts to two-tier dishonesty, pure unadulterated dishonesty dealt with by the Theft Act and a second grade dishonesty to be explained away thus: "That doesn't really count... it was only taken from a shop".

Smokescreen

From Rosemary Stephens, Albert Road, Clevedon, Avon. The letter from Helen Signy (Friday Page July 29) reminds me of an occasion some years ago in West Africa, when I was invited to visit an exhibition on dietetics.

How screen tests can save lives

Cervical cancer kills more than 2,000 women in Britain each year. Older women are more at risk as the disease usually takes seven to ten years, or more, to develop. But over the past decade the number of women under 35 dying each year from cervical cancer has doubled to more than 170.

It is not the most common gynaecological cancer, however. Cancer of the ovaries kills twice as many women. And, by comparison, 12,000 women die in Britain each year from breast cancer. Cervical cancer counts for four per cent of all cancers in women. In 1978 there were more than 4,000 new cases in Britain.

Women who have intercourse when they are young, have many sexual partners or multiple venereal infections have a high risk of contracting cervical cancer. There is also evidence that there are high-risk males, according to Dr Dulcie Coleman, consultant cytopathologist at St Mary's Hospital in London.

There is evidence of a link between cervical cancer and herpes. And scientists have discovered an association between genital warts and the cancer. British research has shown the DNA of a genital wart virus present in 58 per cent of patients with pre-malignant lesions of the cervix.

If real men don't eat quiche it is a cert that not many will go a bundle on savoury ices either. But how about a Bloody Mary sorbet, icy, spicy and stunning? Or a snow of cucumber and creamy yogurt spiked - like that wonderfully refreshing Indian yogurt drink a salt lass - with fresh green ginger, spring onions and lemon juice?

ices and artfully cut slices of fruit, berries and leaves beautifully arranged on a flat plate. Just as pretty though, and the reason my window-box geraniums and begonias are looking short of leaves these days, is an arrangement which is much easier to assemble. For each person arrange three or four leaves on a plain dessert plate. Top each leaf with a small heap of berries, say strawberries on one, raspberries on another, blackberries on the third. Then set a stemmed glass in the centre and fill it with a scoop or two of one or more fruit sorbets.

more of the savoury sorbets. I shall be making the ices again in Harrods at lunchtime on Friday using a new ice cream freezing and churning machine from CTC called the Gelato Chef which makes easy work of ice creams and sorbets. However none of the recipes is any worse for being made the usual way.

ginger and add it to the mixture, then season it to taste with salt. Freeze the pulp until it has the texture of stiff slush then turn it into a bowl. Whisk the egg white to a firm meringue. Beat the cucumber mixture thoroughly then fold in the egg white. Return the ice to the freezer and freeze until firm.

Avocado ice cream Serves six to eight 3 large, ripe avocados 300 ml (1/2 pint) double cream 6 tablespoons good mayonnaise Juice of 1 lemon 1/2 clove garlic Salt 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper 2 egg whites

Puree the avocado flesh by pressing it through a sieve, or use a processor. Combine the avocado with the cream, mayonnaise, and lemon juice. Squeeze the garlic in a press and add the pulp together with salt to taste and the cayenne. Mix well and freeze until the mixture is a stiff slush. Turn it into a bowl and beat it thoroughly. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and return the mixture to the freezer.

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THE TIMES COOK Shona Crawford Poole prawns, Parma ham, sliced avocado, radishes and cucumber with sprigs of mint or basil. Then add a scoop of one or more of the savoury sorbets. Drop the tomatoes into boiling water for a few moments then slip off the skins. Discard the seeds and purée the flesh by pressing it through a sieve or processing it briefly. Combine the tomato pulp with all the remaining ingredients and freeze it, covered, until the mixture has the texture of stiff slush. Turn the partially frozen sorbet into a bowl and beat it vigorously. Return it to the freezer to freeze firm. Most ices need to be softened, or ripened before serving. This is best done in the refrigerator and may take from 15 to 20 minutes to an hour. Cucumber ice Serves four to six 1 large cucumber 6 spring onions Juice of 1 lemon 150ml (1/4 pint) natural yogurt 1cm (1/2 inch) cube peeled fresh ginger Salt 1 egg white Peel the cucumber and discard the seeds. Purée the flesh in a processor or blender with the green part of the spring onions. Add the lemon juice and yogurt. Use a garlic press to squeeze the juice from the fresh

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOING PRIVATE

A few years ago Mr Benn promised this country a "massive and irreversible shift" in the location of economic power. Today there is, indeed, the prospect of an important change in the pattern of ownership and control. It could well be massive and may prove irreversible. But it will be very different in character from that intended by Mr Benn. Instead of more nationalization and socialization, many industries now in state hands are to pass into private ownership.

and costs. It follows that public ownership is unnecessary. Market forces and private enterprise generate a socially optimal outcome if they are left to themselves. This outcome, known technically as marginal cost pricing, has been blessed by generations of textbook writers and is about as uncontroversial as any large principle in economics can be.

country, but also on an industry's openness to imports from abroad. On this basis British Steel, British Shipbuilders, Rolls-Royce and British Airways are definite candidates for privatization. In all five cases the main obstacle is an unsatisfactory commercial record in recent years, a consideration which is thought to preclude the introduction of private capital. It deserves to be emphasized that what matters in privatization is the ultimate benefit to the community. In these cases the benefit consists largely in the elimination of loss-making activities. If unsuccessful businesses were transferred to private hands at nominal prices and their new managers restored them to health, the ultimate result would be much better for society than if they were to stay in government ownership and lose money indefinitely.

Counting the cost of motorways

From the Chairman of The Conservation Society Sir, The extinction of the natural flora and fauna of this country in order to build motorways and other developments diminishes the environment permanently; the developments exact a real, if unquantifiable, "opportunity cost" of indefinite duration in order to provide what may well prove to be a very short-lived present benefit.

Churches' role in world politics

From the Acting General Secretary of The British Council of Churches Sir, Thank you for your critical, yet sympathetic leader (August 10) on the World Council of Churches. The Church at every level needs loyal friends who are also unsparring critics.

The treasure hunt for antiquities

From the Chairman of the Antiquities Dealers Association Sir, Mr Tatton-Brown (August 1) is absolutely correct in saying that many antiquities seem these days to command over-inflated prices, e.g. the recently sold Celtic horse harness mount from Buckinghamshire at £34,000, plus buyer's premium. However, before attacking the auction houses and "peddlars of and dealers in antiquities" he should first identify where his friends are.

RETHINK ON THE RHINE

The defence review now in progress has considered British strategy outside the Nato area, but has yet to contemplate the political and military tangle on Nato's central front. It would be tempting to the cost-accountants in the defence world to assume that the Falklands crisis was a national aberration; but most strategists know that it is always the unpredictable event which occurs first. Moreover the very strength of Nato's central front, upon which the security of the United Kingdom ultimately depends, has induced Soviet outflanking manoeuvres and proxy operations in many other trouble spots throughout the world.

is persisted with for political reasons which now need reevaluation. The consequence of this is Britain has no flexibility about the deployment of her army-in-being, which is predominantly bogged down guarding every forward inch of a sixty-three kilometre front. That front would be more appropriately defended by West German forces who defend the rest of the line: The British Corps could then be positioned as a tactical reserve for the whole of Northern Army Group.

graphical position. It would be resented by Belgium and The Netherlands. It could lead to the withdrawal of their units from West Germany, but, though that would be a pity it could not be held to make any serious difference to the likely order of battle in an emergency.

Qualified for the job

From Mr Keith Nickol Sir, I express no view as to whether the alleged "infiltrators" at Cowley car plant disguised the extent of their qualifications for political reasons or not.

Fire at sea

From Mr A. Crosby Sir, I wish to inform The Times that their account (August 11) of the fire on the German vessel Delstedt omitted to mention that the first vessel on the scene, the first to attach lines to the German vessel, alert the rescue services and contain the fire with its own fire-fighting equipment, was the Survey vessel Whitehorn.

Press in South Africa

From Mr Alan Locke Sir, I purchased your newspaper August 1 (\$1.50), to peruse the current events in South Africa and to put aside as a memento of my young son's birthday.

Sloanes at Exeter

From Mr Owen Hughes Sir, What a pity that Professor Ted Wragg (report, August 8) shows his anti-university school prejudices to get in the way of the truth when he relates an incident at his own university.

Planning by default

From Mr Michael Cross Sir, The demise of economic and physical policy thinking and planning is to be viewed with great alarm. Your leading article, "A plan by any other name" (August 8) highlights the madness of planning by default.

Intimations of mortality

From Instructor Captain M. A. Waller, RN (Retd) Sir, It was Egypt. He was trying to sell me a rug. I was resting. He outlined its virtues at length ending, "Sir, it will last you a lifetime." He stopped short, looking at my white hair, turned and walked away laughing loudly.

Nigerian students

From Mr N. G. Joseph Sir, Those who have experience in dealing with Nigerian students will find the reported statement of the officials of the Nigerian High Commission unconvincing (The Times, August 2). The most common reason given for non-payment of fees by the students is the restrictions, as well as the long bureaucratic delays, in releasing the necessary foreign exchange. Yet the High Commission officials deny this.

Body and mind

From Professor P. Armitage Sir, Even those who, like myself, are sceptical of some of the claims made for alternative medicine will welcome the support given by Ruth West and Brian Inglis, in the third of their articles (August 10), of controlled studies to compare conventional and alternative therapies.

Missing the point

From Mr Robert Mason Sir, Near here there is a street mainly of small hotels and bed and breakfast places. One of the few privately occupied houses has a prominent notice in the window: "We are not a guest house." Next door there is an equally prominent notice: "But were a guest house."

Body and mind

obscurest leading article of the same day. You denigrate the "purely scientific attitude to medicine", the "causal approach" as a basis for scientific exploration, and the statistical approach to medicine.

Body and mind

Yours faithfully, P. ARMITAGE, University of Oxford, Department of Biomathematics, Pusey Street, Oxford, August 11.

OBITUARY MR L. G. CARPENTER Aerospace research in war and peacetime

J.P.R. writes: Mr Leavelle George Carpenter, who died on July 17 at the age of 79 after an extended illness, made an outstanding contribution to Britain's effort in the Second World War as a "boffin" at the Royal Aircraft Establishment...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE August 16: The Prince Andrew this morning visited British Airways Helicopters' Base at Aberdeen and was received upon arrival by the Chairman, British Airways Helicopters Ltd (Mr Frederick E. Bonner). Squadron Leader Adam Wise was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. Barrett and Miss A. Nissen The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Barrett, of Radnor Walk, London, SW3, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eugene Nissen, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Marrriages

Mr N. R. Perryman and Miss M. M. Adamson The marriage took place in the King Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey (the Chapel of the Order of the Bath) on August 13, 1983.

University news

Cambridge Professor J. R. S. Finckham, ScD, (Petrology), FRS, Buchanan professor of geology, Edinburgh University, has been elected to the Arthur Balfour professorship of geology from May 1, 1984.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Acland, 67; The Earl of Carrick, 52; Mr Robin Cousins, 26; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Goodwin, 75; Sir Michael Hadow, 68; Dr J. P. Hodin, 78; The Very Rev R. C. D. James, 66; Professor Sir Leslie Martin, 75; Mr George Melly, 57; Mr Alan Minter, 32; Mr V. S. Naipaul, 51; Mr Hamish Ory-Ewing, 59; Dr J. S. Page, 35; Mr Nelson Piquet, 31; Mr Wayne Sleep, 35; Miss Alfreda Thorogood, 41; Mr Guillermo Vilas, 31; Sir Michael Williams, 72; Professor Michael Wise, 65.

Church news

The Rev J. J. Spathella, Rector of St. Paul's, Gloucester, is to be also Rector of St. Alban's, in a joint parochial arrangement with St. Paul's, Gloucester.

Science report

Long-distance trading in flint axes By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent Analysis of flint axes from the southern British neolithic has shown that a high proportion were made in Sussex and traded to other parts of the country, even where regions had their own flint resources.



Welcoming hands: The Rev Ayo Omiideyi outside James Brooks's fine building in Shoreditch, east London (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

Pastor rescues a Victorian edifice

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent A fine piece of Victorian church architecture is about to be rescued from dereliction and brought back to life in the East End of London by the Christ Apostolic Church, one of the largest denominations in Nigeria.

Service luncheon

Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport The RASC and RCT Officers' Luncheon Club yesterday entertained Major-General J. Lumt at luncheon at Mark Masons Hall.

Reception

HM Government Mr John Mackay, Minister for Health and Social Work at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle last night on the occasion of the jubilee congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrists.

Island service for helicopter victims

Lord Franks, a member of the Duchy of Cornwall Council, will represent the Prince of Wales at a memorial service for the 20 victims of the Isles of Scilly helicopter crash to be held at St Mary's, Virgin, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, on September 14.

Society of Apothecaries

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Apothecaries of London for the ensuing year: Master: Sir Peter Tizard; Senior Warden: Professor Norman Ashton; Junior Warden: Professor Alastair Dodgeon.



Cool head: George Turley, of Durham A, finding it thirsty work at the English Bowling Association national pairs championship at Worthing, West Sussex, yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

A wealth of pop memorabilia to come under Sotheby's hammer

A sale of pop memorabilia at Sotheby's next month, including several souvenirs of The Beatles, is expected to total £170,000. A hand-written draft of "Imagine", a song by John Lennon is expected to fetch up to £10,000.

HIS HONOUR JUDGE CHAVASSE

His Honour Judge Chavasse, QC, who died suddenly on August 12 at the age of 60, had been a Circuit Judge since 1977. The second son of the late Bishop C. M. Chavasse, Michael Louis Maudslayi Chavasse, was born on January 5, 1923.

MR FREDERICK PRITCHARD

Mr Frederick Hugh Dalziel Pritchard, CBE, who died on August 12 at the age of 77, was Secretary-General of the British Red Cross Society from 1951 to 1970.

MR ZOLTAN VAS

Mr Zoltan Vas, who died on August 14 at the age of 80, was a member of several Hungarian governments in the years after the Second World War, including that of Imre Nagy.

DR ARTEMIO FRANCHI

Dr Artemio Franchi, President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) died in a car accident at Siena, Italy, on August 17. He was 61. He was also vice-president of the International Soccer Federation (FIFA) and honorary president of the Italian Soccer Federation of which he had twice served as president between 1967 and 1980.

Move to safeguard the Chatsworth treasures

From Our Correspondent, Chesterfield The Duke of Devonshire's family trust is negotiating to sell 74 of his Old Master drawings direct to the British Museum to stop them going abroad and being lost to Britain for ever, it was disclosed yesterday. The drawings, including works by Rembrandt, Raphael, Rubens and Van Dyck, are estimated to be worth in the region of £4m.

Latest wills

Beaz, Mr Peter, of Stockton Heath, Warrington, Cheshire. £488,217. Beaz, Mrs Susan Louisa, of Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire. £221,256. Goldberg, Mr Arthur, of Hardley, Plymouth, Devon. £908,080.

Coward memorial

A memorial in honour of Sir Noel Coward, the playwright and actor, is to be placed in Westminster Abbey. Sir Noel died in 1973, aged 73, at his home in Jamaica.

Memorial service

Colonel N. E. Viner-Brady. A memorial service for Colonel Noel Edmund Viner-Brady was held at St Mary's, Twickenham, yesterday. The Rev John Galt officiated.

THE ARTS

Nobody has done more than Channel 4 to raise the status of the television film, an achievement recognized by the establishment of a special section for such work at the Locarno Film Festival. But Channel 4 reacted strangely to Locarno's offer to fly the flag, as John Bowen reports

Picture palace for the home
The new element at the Locarno Film Festival this year was the inclusion of a special section devoted to television films. Of course there are plenty of television festivals (Monte Carlo, Venice, Banff) with categories for almost every sort of television, but Locarno is the first to recognize that a new artform has arrived, the television film, and that its proper place for display may be at a film festival.



Katharina Thalbach in the stylish black-and-white symbolism of *Domino*

for television are more interesting and important than those made for a collapsing film industry. I hate the depressing grammar of some television movies... The English tendency to love the word more than the image... Alvin Marill's 'A television movie is something which must be made quickly on a budget of between one and two million dollars. It must be designed to be split into 17-minute segments, geared to presenting its stars, not what the writer wishes to say, and will be considered by the networks as a potential pilot.'

Television Team of troubles

The boys of the Rathcoole estate did not all pray together, but they played together, which was surprising and exemplary as the estate was five miles from Belfast. Their football team had a Catholic name, Star of the Protestants, and was good enough for Protestants to want to join. Boys coming along were observed not to see which foot they dug with but how well they could shoot. When the troubles started, Rathcoole, with a Catholic population of one in four, first seemed far enough away to preserve its harmony which was such, we heard last night, that even on July 12 Catholics joined in the fun.

Theatre Arden of Faversham The Pit

Based on a realistic cause célèbre of 1551 and written about 40 years later, Arden of Faversham is one of the British theatre's earliest thrillers. Combining suspense and black humour - the murder is seven false attempts, stretching from the first act to the last - it reveals itself in performance as much better written than its solidly end-stopped film suggest to a reader.



Conspirators: Robert O'Mahoney (left), Ian Talbot, John Bowe

condemned by some literary critics, ensuring that audience sympathies have nowhere to rest, however pathetic a figure he may be in his desperate, almost suicidal cuckoldom - and Christopher Benjamin's Arden is pathetic, for all his porcine, bullying build. Jenny Agutter shows much

Opera Production in perfect harmony

Don Giovanni Coliseum
English National Opera begin their new season with a Don Giovanni in spruce condition on stage and orchestra magnificent: the promise is bright. John Stoddart's cavalier costumes and versatile timbred sets are lit by Roger Fifth in a sequence of gorgeous nocturnes, within which the Anthony Besch production has been revived most ingeniously and intelligently by Peter Foster. Movement is easy and elegant, and made without any banal choreography of the action, to fit well with the pace and feeling of the music.

has just taken leave of Elvira and the peasant couple when he turns to sing them 'Il mio tesoro'. It is not just a set piece but an adieu, and a touchingly lovely one as delivered here by Adrian Martin, who shows rare artistry in his ability to turn a phrase suddenly into silver, as he does also in his meaningful inflexion of words.

Giovanni. Dark in tone yet beguiling in its movement, his voice seduces with invitations to hell that any but the meekest spirit would willingly accept. It also matches the similarly grave accents of the new Leporello.

Rather surprisingly this is Norman Bailey, who does not yet sound at ease with Mozart's quicker diction or with the business of playing the clown. His performance is a game one, but the style needs to be more secure in a production which shuns fussiness and leaves character to be established by voice and demeanour.

One who profits very much from this is Suzanne Murphy, singing with immense power as Donna Anna and yet holding to a vulnerability to one that surrounds everything she does, even her brave and brilliant decoration, with pathos. There is also a strong Commendatore from John Tranter, and Rodney Macann enters the company as a bluff Masetto.

Zanily musical

Andras Schiff Queen Elizabeth Hall
One could write a small book about the stimulating, infuriating but oddly satisfying performance of Bach's Goldberg Variations given at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Monday. Among contemporary pianists Andras Schiff may not have the most virtuosic manner, but he thinks enough for 10 pianists, and that is a gift to be prized. When he comes up with some seemingly zany notion - like ignoring Bach's own articulation of the 30 variations into the groups 1-5, 16-30 - you may be sure he has a deliberate plan in view.

Concerts ECYO/Abbado Albert Hall/Radio 3

absence of guile that gave a convincing intensity to the Death and Transfiguration tone-poem of Strauss, and even made the effluent C major of its fulfilment a desirable place to rest. Wagner's A Faust Overture at the start of the concert also converted yearning to aspiration with admirable directness. Natalia Gutman brought a strangely matter-of-fact approach to Schumann's Cello Concerto, her fine-spun tone seldom rising above mezzoforte even where otherwise called for, and often relying on a sotto voce effect that left the music sounding bland and emotionless. With reduced orchestration Wagner's Ring Cycle was successfully preserved, though at some cost to the musical character.

Law Report August 17, 1983 No judicial review of domestic tribunals

Law v National Greyhound Racing Club Ltd
Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Slade [Judgment delivered July 29]
The purpose of section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 was to regulate procedure in relation to judicial review, not to extend the jurisdiction of the court. It put into statutory language, with modifications, what was in Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which introduced reform in the practice and procedure relating to administrative law. Section 31 did not purport to enlarge the jurisdiction of the court so as to enable it to review the decisions of domestic tribunals.

Galleries Lucien Pissarro Anthony d'Offay

not. Painting was something else again. This the story told by the absorbing exhibition Lucien Pissarro: Paintings, at Anthony d'Offay until Saturday, and by the sumptuous Catalogue of the Oil Paintings of Lucien Pissarro by Anne Thorold which it accompanies (Athelney Books, 400 copies, £80), is one of gradual liberation. The earliest works in the show, such as those painted at Enghien in the 1880s, are rather like Camille, at his least appealing, oddly heavy, sludgy and over-worked. The landscapes capture slightly when Lucien moves to England, and again such pleasingly exotic subjects for a French painter as Stanting at Acton (1907) still

Galleries Mer, Coney Castle of 1919

recall Camille's evocations of English railway scenery, and a touch of Monet in a subject like A Foggy Morning, Morlaix does not much alter our image of heavy dependence. Yet curiously, in his woodcut book illustrations, both black-and-white and colour, Lucien had by this time for several years been producing something distinctively his own - possibly because here there was no competition with the father, and so no sense of inevitable inferiority. It seems to be only more than a decade after Camille's death in 1903 that the inhibition gradually relaxes, and Lucien's oils get more and more easy and personal.

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Shares touch new peak. The stock market opened at a new peak yesterday, at 735.2 on the FT 30 share index, beating Monday's level by 2.4 points...

Oil shares were once again the busiest sector. Monday's Saxon Oil, with North Sea interests, looks to be turning into the sector's favourite takeover target...

The market has drawn a long list of counter bidders against Norcor for UBM. This, and the prospect of a strong defence against Norcor's 107p offer, pushed UBM shares 4p higher to 123p...

The civil engineering company, Whessex, is attracting some very important stakeholders. Hard on the heels of Sir Robert McAlpine's private investment company Newarthill's 16 per cent stake...

Stock shortages in secondary equities caused all kinds of price distortions. Ellen Road Mills jumped 34p to 75p on speculative hopes, but the directors knew of no reason for the jump.

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FT Index 732.8 unchanged FT 100 Shares 463.74 up 0.4... New York Dow Jones Index 1,192.89 down 0.61... Frankfurt Commerzbank Index 954.8 up 1.5...

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5085 up 1.60 cents DM 2.8635 down 0.1... NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.5080... INTERNATIONAL ECU \$2.564871...

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rate 9 1/2% Finance houses base rate 10... Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 10 3/4%...

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London fixed (per ounce): am \$419.75 pm \$420.50... New York \$420.50... Gold price \$385.50...

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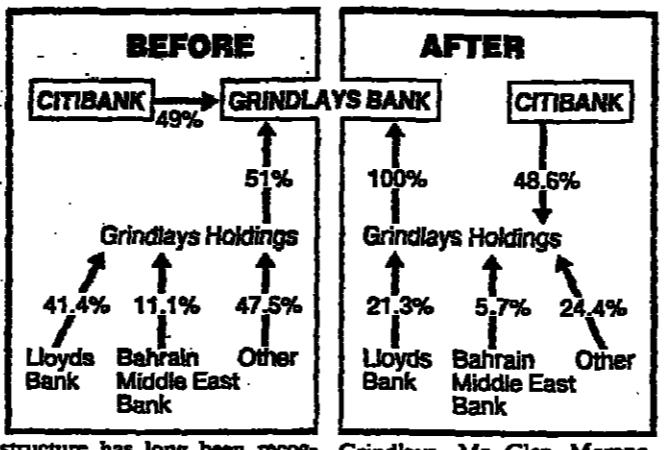
NOTEBOOK

While awaiting a response from BHP to Mr Robert Holmes & Court's bid, the markets have begun to assess the reasons for the offer... John Waddington, manufacturer of Monopoly, yesterday stepped up its defence against the £18 takeover attempt...

New structure will make management task easier Citibank and Lloyds in surprise deal over Grindlays ownership

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank and Citibank have agreed after years of fruitless discussion on proposals to sort out the tangled, restricting ownership structure of Grindlays Bank in which they both have a large stake... Citibank will be fully committed to expanding Grindlays as an independent bank...



Grindlays has long been recognized as unsatisfactory. Mr Alec Ritchie, deputy chairman, who will now be taking over as chairman from Mr Nigel Robson, said yesterday that he was a new era for the bank... Citibank said that it has no intention of raising its stake in Grindlays.

said that the old shareholding structure had been a "kind of veto situation and nobody was really happy". He said that the proposals made sense and were in the interests of the bank... Grindlays had total assets of £308m at the end of 1982 and profits last year were £29m compared with £34.5m in 1981.

£50m profit for Royal Insurance

By Andrew Cornelius

Royal insurance yesterday reported a sharp increase in interim pretax profits but undermined the importance of a recovery in the US insurance market to the company's fortunes... Royal insurance yesterday reported a sharp increase in interim pretax profits but undermined the importance of a recovery in the US insurance market to the company's fortunes.



Walter: flat is "not very big"

£325,000 flat for LRC chief

By Vivien Goldsmith

LRC International yesterday disclosed that it has spent £325,000 on a luxury three-bedroom flat for its chief executive, Mr Alan Woltz... The purchase price of the flat, in the West End of London, accounted for between two-thirds and three-quarters of the total cost: the rest was spent on redecoration and legal fees.

World speculators drop the dollar

By Wayne Lintoff

The dollar weakened sharply against other leading currencies yesterday as speculative funds left it now that hopes for higher American interest rates have receded... Chicago which started the selling when it opened for trading at 2pm London time.

Tace sell-off to raise £3m

Tace is to float off its high technology subsidiary, Goring Kerr, with a full listing on the stock market which will raise about £3m by way of a tender offer... The cash will pay off Tace's high borrowings and provide research and development funds.

Latin American oil threat

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Latin American oil countries are believed to be setting up an oil-exporting group which could threaten the present stability of world oil prices... Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago together produce 5 million barrels of oil a day and account for 10 per cent of world output.

Output rises but shares falter

WASHINGTON (Reuters) US industrial production rose a seasonally adjusted 1.3 per cent in July, the Federal Reserve board said.

Unilever results

The Directors of Unilever announce the results for the second quarter of 1983 and for the first half-year.

Table with 4 columns: Second Quarter 1983, Second Quarter 1982, Increase/Decrease, and Half-Year 1983/1982. Rows include Sales to Third Parties, Operating Profit, Profit Before Taxation, and Combined Earnings per Share.

Exchange Rates The results for the quarter and the half-year and the comparative figures for 1982 have been translated at comparable rates of exchange. These are based on £1=Fl.4.23=U.S. \$1.61.

Results In the second quarter of 1983 sales value was 3% higher than in the corresponding quarter of 1982 but, because of lower sales in UAC International, volume was 1% down.

In Europe, results were higher compared with the second quarter of 1982. Sales volume in the consumer groups rose by 1%.

In North America our operations in total continued to make good progress; both Lever Brothers and National Starch had substantially improved results compared with last year.

Elsewhere outside Europe and North America sales volume, including good contributions from our recent acquisitions in Chile and the Ivory Coast, showed a significant increase and total results were higher than last year.

The drop in the concern share of associated companies' profit reflects the lower results of UAC of Nigeria, in which we have an interest of 40%.



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The engineers fight back - 2: Susan Bevan with the second of a series

New-look TI improves but has it done enough?

After a battering at the heart of the metal industries, TI Group, which was better known as Tube Investments, is showing signs of recuperation.

For example, the period of expansion of the steel industry is over. There are technical trends, too. The volume of the machine tool industry is less than it was partly because of the recession but partly due to the industry's own success in producing advanced tools that last longer.

A good move here has been the acquisition in 1981 of the American group King Fifth Wheel. The £25.6m purchase is Sir Brian's favourite example of the group's direction today.

KFW represents an important move both into higher technology engineering and the United States market. Its flash-welded rings, an important component of aircraft gas turbine engines, dovetails neatly with the business of TI Reynolds, which is the leading supplier of these products to the European aerospace industry.

That compares well with only £4.7m for the whole of last year, but is a long way from the annual profits of almost £80m TI was notching up five years ago.

What groups like us have had to do is reduce our dependence on those parts of engineering which don't have a future, said Sir Brian Kellest, chairman of TI.

The whole process of restructuring TI has been to change the mix of the business away from the heavy end of the industry and the commodity type of business.

Even before the recession took hold it was recognized, within TI as well as outside, that the group faced structural headaches. Its main profit-centres were in mature or declining markets.

After reorienting itself in the late 1960s, after the loss through nationalization of much of its steel business, TI put life into the tubes business and the construction of the domed Inver-gordon aluminium smelter.

With hindsight, too much attention was paid to producing intermediate goods where marketing and innovation play a small part.

It still remains to be seen whether TI has yet done enough to secure its future. Market hopes for this year, taking into account a bumper second half for domestic appliances and a recovery in machine tools, are for pretax profits of about £20m - still not much of a return on capital employed of nearly £350m.

Even with its big bicycle brand names, TI Raleigh was criticized for depending too much on bulk sales to what proved unstable Third World markets, and as a complacent monopoly which succumbed to cheap imports at home.

Since the dark days of 1981, when TI's cycle and toy division lost £10.5m, Raleigh has undergone a complete rethink from production methods to marketing. Employment is down by a third, the range has been both rationalized and redesigned and the stress has moved to selling bikes as consumer goods for the fashion-conscious.

Some £7m will be spent on the revamp this year and the cautious Sir Brian has "great confidence" in the division's future. "We have a very young and active management bringing this business back to shape", he says.

The big success of the BMX Burner for boys has helped Raleigh to restore its share of the British market to its pre-crisis 50 per cent from a low of 35 per cent in 1981. But there is still a long way to go if the business is to return to the big profits of five years ago.

Many TI followers believe the money and attention could be better spent elsewhere and cheer rumours like those last week suggesting a Japanese buyer for the bikes.

But there is no debate on the improved potential of the engineering side.

On its way through the fire, TI has changed its name and sold its London headquarters. More materially, it has shed its aluminium business and the last of its steel interests.

Branded consumer products have become the white hope for profits this year. Products with high value added that can prosper through recession are the new keys to the larger specialist engineering division, which is taking over the running from the commodity-like tubes of the traditional business.

The process has been painful. TI's workforce has been halved in three years to 32,000. The cost of sales, redundancies and the loss of the sale of British Aluminium amounted to £80m over 1981 and 1982.

Net assets employed in the business have dropped from £554m in the 1979 balance sheet to £328m at the end of last year. Out of this total specialist engineering products now account for 35 per cent, against only 13 per cent three years ago.

Consumer products, mainly domestic appliances and heavily promoted and revamped Raleigh cycle business, have increased in importance from 20 per cent to 40 per cent.

But the most dramatic symbol of change was the sale for £17m last October of TI's 58 per cent holding in British Aluminium. Falling world prices and competitive weaknesses in a global market where British Aluminium was a minnow among giants led to an attributable loss for TI of £12.7m in 1982 and a further £3.8m in the months of 1982 before its sale to Alcan.

The disposal meant a £36.3m write-off but it was a vital step in the process of making TI less of a helpless victim of the swings and roundabouts of the economic cycle.

With the nature of its businesses and most of its assets in Britain, TI's progress has always been closely tied to the performance of the British economy. Pretax profits rose steadily rather than spectacularly through the 1970s from £18.7m in 1971 to £78.4m in 1978 (boosted by the consolidation of British Aluminium).

Then came a setback to £52m as the recession began to bite in 1979 and an inexorable slide into a loss of £23.1m in the depths of 1981.

The hesitancy of Britain's overall recovery was faithfully reflected in TI's depressingly small pretax profit of £4.7m last year and even today the turnaround is not across the board. Steel tubes remained stuck in the doldrums during the first half of this year with dismal prospects and the depressed machine tool sector only recently beginning to perk up, led to lower profits from the engineering division.

But the increased emphasis on consumer products - washing machines, heaters and kettles with names like Creda, Glow-Worm and Russell Hobbs - is paying dividends.

This division produced £10m of the £14.1m trading profit total for the half year. Meanwhile a new approach to Raleigh bicycles - no longer a commodity pumped into insecure Third World markets but a highly promoted style-conscious business catering to trendy Europeans - has set this loss-making division on the way to break even this year.

Sir Brian, who has frequently poured cold water over premature forecasts of recovery, is more confident now but characteristically not over-exuberant. "What we are seeing is the economy coming up with a consumer-led boom but it will be a slow process for it to spread through and ultimately bring up heavy capital investment. "I don't think there is any doubt that the volume of world demand for some of these heavy products will be less in the future than at times in the past."

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Base Lending Rates

Table of lending rates from various banks including ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Citibank, etc.

In machine tools, TI Matrix and TI Churchill are now half the size they were two years ago. The focus now is on computer-controlled tools designed with a close eye on consumer requirements. It is hoped these machines will fend off the Japanese threat in the reviving market place.

While TI is now hoping to make more than the former owner from the Alfred Herbert range of computer controlled lathes which it bought from the receiver for £350,000, the industry clearly is still in a state of flux.

Steel tubes remain a big problem, though capacity has been radically pruned at the commodity end of the business. Talks go on with British Steel on a concerted rationalization of the industry and some outcome from these will be the most important element in the saga of TI's struggle back.

Tomorrow: Vickers



Kellest-Confident but characteristically not overexuberant

W H Smith names cable section chief

W H Smith: Mr Francis Baron has become managing director of the new cable services division.

Lloyds Bank: Mr J. P. B. Hadfield has been appointed a regional director of the North West regional board.

Bank of America: Mr John Adeshead has been promoted senior vice president and appointed to the new position of head of personnel and administration, based in London.

AE Group: Mr Alan Arnott has become deputy managing director, AE Auto Paris, Mr Peter Adcock has become managing director, Edmunds Walker & Co, with responsibility for the activities of Edmunds Walker (Holdings).

UMECO Holdings: Mr G. R. A. Metcalfe has been appointed group managing director. Hunting Gate Developments: Mr Malcolm McPherson has been made a director.

APPOINTMENTS

as chairman of energy division previously held by Mr Stevenson. Dr Scott will retain his responsibilities as planning and marketing director.

Freshwater Biological Association: Dr Robin Clarke has been appointed director of the association from October 1. He will succeed Mr David Le Cren, who is retiring.

Appletree: Mr Cyril Hehir has joined the company, which is part of the Vine Products Group, as managing director designate to succeed Mr Neville Kirby, who became chairman of Appletree, remains on the board of Vine Products.

Warner Lambert UK: Mr John Telford Beasley, managing director and president of the UK, Ireland and "Commonwealth" African region, and Mr Hector Graham, president of the France, North West Africa and Middle East region, have exchanged posts.

Warner Lambert: Mr James Hamilton who has retired as export director for Warner Lambert, has been succeeded by Mr Edwin Buy, previously operations director. He is succeeded by Mr Colin Clarke, director of the Company's Parke-Davis factory in Pontypool, responsibilities which he will retain.

Racal. Twenty-eighth consecutive record year.

Last year world trading conditions were the most difficult that we have experienced for many years. Despite this the Company achieved record sales and record profits for the 28th consecutive year.

The Group net profit before taxation for the year ended March 31st, 1983 amounted to £114,268,000 (previous year £102,616,000) an increase of 11.35%. Taxation is estimated to be £42,969,000.

In addition to the above profit, there is a realised currency exchange profit on operations of £2,162,000 which after estimated taxation of £472,000 has been transferred direct to the Currency Equalisation Reserve in accordance with our usual practice.

Taxation has increased from 31.5% of the pre-tax earnings for 1981/82 to 37.6% for the year under review. In 1981/82 and earlier years we benefited from the brought forward Decca tax losses, most of which have now been utilised.

The Directors are recommending the payment of a Final Dividend of 16.456% net of tax (4.11p per share) making a total of 22.022% for the year (1982 20.02%). Warrants for the Final Dividend will be posted on August 16th, 1983 to shareholders on the Register of Members on July 14th, 1983.

The Trading Record for the Last Ten Years. Table with 4 columns: Year, Turnover (£), Sales Outside UK (£), Pre-Tax Profit (£), EPS after Tax. Rows from 1974 to 1983.

Sales of strategic radio were well down on forecast but there are now encouraging signs of improvement. After a difficult period of trading, contracts worth a total of nearly £22,000,000 have been recently awarded and further substantial orders for specialised systems in both civil and military environments are at advanced stages of negotiations.

There is good potential throughout the world for our extensive range of communications electronic warfare (EW) equipment for surveillance, direction finding and jamming.

Marine Electronics: Sales of all marine electronics products grew to £85,233,000. This business is now directed through one organisation which controls and co-ordinates the activities of 24 UK and overseas companies.

Defence Radar & Avionics: During the year sales grew strongly to reach £81,751,000, of which defence radar contributed £66,000,000, this being three times more than that of 1980.

Radio Communications: Sales of radio communications systems were £187,274,000. This was only a modest increase on the previous year and resulted from a slowdown in the rate of orders received from overseas countries following the sharp fall in the price of oil.

Energy Resources: sales reached £45,038,000 in a difficult year for those involved in the oil related industries. The formation of an energy resources group has brought together specialist companies involved in precise positioning

Research and Development: Racal has from its earliest days been committed to a policy of funding the great majority of its R & D from its own resources to develop proprietary products for the world market.

Appreciation: The skill and dedication of our staff was formally recognised last November, when our Company was named as the winner of the 1982 United Kingdom Business Enterprise Award. I am certain that it will be your wish to join me in congratulating all the members of the Racal team for their tremendous efforts which have done so much to put our Company in the position it now holds in the world of professional electronics.

The Future: The former Decca group of companies is now going forward strongly. The major problem remaining to be solved is the elimination of the losses being incurred in the field of small boat radar and this year we expect to go a long way towards achieving that goal.

Several of our smaller businesses are progressing well, any of which could develop into a major activity. The award of the cellular radio licence was one of the most exciting events in the history of Racal. In the short term, trading losses will be incurred and a substantial investment will need to be made whilst the system is being evolved and introduced.

At March 31st, 1983 the Company had net cash of some £3,000,000 compared with net borrowings of £46,000,000 the year before. This cash position will improve considerably throughout the year and earnings will benefit as a consequence.

With regard to the current financial year I am confident that the management changes that have taken place at Racal-Milgo, Miami, will result in an improved contribution to Group profitability.

Referring to the other factor which adversely affected last year's results, namely, the delay in the placing of a large number of orders from overseas, there are signs that the position is now improving.

Provided therefore that major delays do not continue and subject to any other circumstances beyond our control, we can look forward to another record year, our 29th in succession.

Ernest J. Harrison, Chairman and Chief Executive.

A powerful International force in world electronics.



Racal Electronics Plc, Bracknell, Berkshire.

International trade: John Lawless looks at what is happening on the British business front at home and overseas

ECGD hint of private involvement

The committee of inquiry, announced yesterday, to investigate the state-run insurance agency, the Export Credits Guarantee Department, has a three-pronged brief.

Most fascinating will be to look into "the possibility of devolving any functions to the private sector or collaborating with the private sector in carrying them out".

This suggests that the ECGD, which has £29bn in British exports on its books, is a monopoly.

But Sir Peter Matthews, the Vickers chairman, who heads the inquiry, already knows (having served on the Export Guarantees Advisory Council) that all its work is open to private sector competition.

The largest of the specialist companies underwriters total business in one year that ECGD guarantees in two to three days, the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts heard this year.

It concluded: "We are not convinced enough is yet being done to draw upon private sector expertise." It did not do so because ECGD was seen as jealously guarding its activities, but because the state agency, having had staff cuts, does not possess sufficient specialists to cover its outstanding risk.

The task facing Sir Peter, therefore, is not to bring large chunks of a state business to a hungry market of investors. He has to see whether existing private activities can be encouraged.

The review, the first in 11 years, is welcomed by industry. Lord Selous, chairman of the CBI's export credit committee, said yesterday: "We are delighted the government has decided to act."

"In today's highly competitive trading conditions, the time is ripe to ensure that the department can provide UK exporters with credit insurance and financing facilities as effective as those available to our international trading competitors."

Outside specialists will, without doubt, continue to grow in importance. But they are still comparatively young and in a market which sees claims maturing over several years.

Saudi sales safe

Britain's soaring exports to Saudi Arabia are among the least likely to be threatened by the kingdom's second successive devaluation on its currency in a week, trade specialists stressed yesterday.

British exports reached £767m in the first six months of this year, against £644m the same time last year.

British purchases were expected to fall during the oil glut, but the sharp decrease in imports (down from £315m to £458m in the same periods) has not only put Britain into a two-way trade surplus.

Duty-free imports double

Britain's claim to have one of the world's most open markets is backed by a Department of Trade and Industry study, just published, which shows the number of duty-free imports of manufactured goods doubling in 20 years.

In 1960, according to Visible Imports Subject to Restraints, about 40 per cent of Britain's factory-produced goods from overseas were allowed in without duties. By 1980, it was 80 per cent. The average incidence of tariffs on the rest halved to 9 per cent.

Membership of the EEC obviously had a large impact, but the study notes that the EEC supplied only 47 per cent of Britain's manufactured goods in 1980.

More important, in terms of protectionism, the study claims that only 7 per cent of British visible imports was subjected to non-tariff restraints.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Sec-

Channon for Colombia

Mr Paul Channon, the Minister of Trade, is expected to visit Colombia soon in what would be his most important trip overseas since becoming trade minister.

Two British bids were among eleven submitted two weeks ago for the \$650m (£435m) mass transit subway system to be built in Medellin.

GEC is leading an Anglo-German consortium, while Hawker Siddeley is in a British-Canadian grouping.

The visit would give Mr Channon the opportunity to stress that the Government is prepared to back a British contractor to the hilt, having prepared a £50m aid package to go with it.

Notice of Mandatory Redemption

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed dated August 10th, 1972, between Petroleos Mexicanos and Hambros Bank Executor and Trustee Company, Limited, U.S. \$1,750,000 nominal of the Bonds is due for mandatory redemption on September 1st, 1983 at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to September 1st, 1983.

Table with 2 columns: Bond Number and Serial Number. Lists 1120 bonds for redemption.

On September 1st, 1983, there will become due and payable on the Bonds to be redeemed, the principal amount thereof together with accrued interest to September 1st, 1983. On and after September 1st, 1983 interest on the Bonds to be redeemed shall cease to accrue.

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The Chase Manhattan Bank, National Association, 41, Rue Cambon, 75001 Paris.

Swiss Bank Corporation, Ankerstrasse 1, Basle.

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Positive signs have begun to emerge that business activity is increasing

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- We have continued our 15 year record of uninterrupted growth in sales and profits. The proposed annual dividend has been substantially increased to 3.00p net reflecting our confidence in the Group's prospects.

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Comparative results table with columns for Year to 31.3.82 and Year to 31.3.83. Rows include Turnover, Profit before taxation, Taxation, Profits attributable, Earnings per share, Dividend per share.

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Large financial table with multiple columns and rows, containing various financial data and company names.

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CRICKET: A TWO-HORSE RACE AS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP ENTERS FINISHING STRAIGHT

Essex quick to steal a march on the leaders

WELLINGBOROUGH: Essex (2pts) beat Northamptonshire (6) by 128 runs. Essex, batting until half an hour after lunch, set Northamptonshire the task of making 262 runs in 129 minutes and 20 overs. Larkins and Cook, going about their job like sergeant majors, rattled up 50 in no time, but once they had gone, the innings with the Lamb and Kapri Dev to boost it, and Stubb absent injured, began to fall apart.

Turner. Unfortunately Larkins himself was comprehensively bowled by Lever shortly afterwards and Northamptonshire were on a hiding to nothing. Boyd-Moss was magnificently caught by David East far down the leg side off Turner and from 50 for, they were 58 for four. Williams struck a quartet of boundaries on either side of the field and then he too departed. Capel, who batted so promisingly in the first innings, this time was all pads and edges. The Essex fielders began to run more and more hungrily to their positions and there was now only Steele's silver thatch, generously unconcealed, and batsman's defence.

Middlesex one up Middlesex have a match in hand over Essex. They play Somerset, Surrey and Northamptonshire at home and Sussex, Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire away. Essex, in their remaining matches, take on Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire at home, and play Surrey and Lancashire away.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets. Includes Essex, Middlesex, Somerset, Surrey, Northamptonshire, Sussex, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire, Lancashire.

122 before lunch. Griffiths bowled admirably for an hour, finding a brace of a half to get Gloucestershire off to a good start and then having McEwaz leg before three balls later. Another wicket at this point and Essex could have been in trouble. Hardie and Fletcher, however, soon regained the initiative, cutting and driving as Griffiths tired. Griffiths was kept at it about half an hour longer than was good for him, and the spinners when they appeared were cussed with some relief. After lunch, Essex gave the Northamptonshire outfielders a catching practice, sixes and wickets coming in about equal quantities.

Larkins, disdainfully belligerent, and Cook got Northamptonshire off to a fine start, both of them hooking anything pitched remotely short. Larkins, in this mood, is only rivalled by Gooch and as long as he was present Northamptonshire had every chance. He lost Cook at 51, caught at square leg pulling a loop from Lever and five runs later Willey was unable to get out of the way of a steep climber from

Boyce go-slow will be reviewed by county

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Yorkshire (3) by five wickets. Gloucestershire were set 277 to win but, over the course of the day, they lost Stovold early on, a fine century from Broad and a zippy 75 from Zaheer Abbas put them on the road to victory, which they achieved with 11 balls to spare.

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Surrey bounce past a milestone

By Richard Streeton GUILDFORD: Surrey (4pts) beat Worcestershire (5) by 227 runs. A devastating spell by Thomas reached the main Worcestershire batsmen after lunch and made superfluous any question that they could reach the stiff target which had been set. On a pitch of unexpected pace, Thomas took four for 9 and which keeps them within range of the lower place prize money in the championship.

Cavalier Briers brightens up gloom

By Peter Ball EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (6pts) drew with Leicestershire (5). A career best 201 not out by Nigel Briers could not give the way for a Leicestershire victory yesterday. Briers, who dominated in stands of 133 with Balderson, 132 with Davidson, and 153 with Whitaker, put Leicestershire in a virtually unplayable position in an innings of 354 minutes, but the delay in the declaration while he reached that milestone left Warwickshire in a strong position. They had already abandoned the chase when bad light and rain ended any chance of Leicestershire bowing them out.

Maiden 50 Taylor at his peak

DERBY: Derby (4pts) drew with Somerset (7). This match was abandoned as a draw when heavy rain washed out play in the first of the final 20 overs. Derbyshire had been set 308 in 243 minutes for victory and on without the intervention of the weather it was unlikely that they could have found the necessary impetus to reach that target.

Injury keeps Whelan out

Ronnie Whelan is likely to be Liverpool's only regular first team player absent from the Charity Shield match against Manchester United at Wembley on Saturday. He has been ruled out from this game, and the start of the league season, while he recovers from a pelvic operation.

Relentless march by Hartlepool

By Gordon Allan George Turley and Mal Hughes of Eton College, Hartlepool reached the semi-final round of the pairs event in the English Bowling Association championships, sponsored by the Gateway Building Society, at the County Ground, Worthing, yesterday. In the fourth round, on a cool, breezy afternoon, they beat the Nottinghamshire pair, Alan Ward and Dennis Poole of Longton Terrace, Warsop, 20-10.

Turner the mainstay

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (6 points) drew with Hampshire (5 points). A determined 94, his best score of the season, by David Turner, the Hampshire left-hand, dug his team out of a crisis against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

America's Cup

A victory foiled by shift of wind. In what must be regarded as a most convincing sign of improvement, the 23. Britain's entry in the semi-final classic trials, led the radical Ben Lexcen designed Australia 14 for most of the third round race for Newport, Rhode Island on Monday. A Special Correspondent writes: A shift of wind during the penultimate leg allowed the Australians to slip through, however, and built up an advantage of 1min 54sec by the finish.

Football

Colchester United are to receive £41,500 in sponsorship from the Royal London Mutual Insurance Society this season. They believe it to be the biggest single cash payment outside the first division. The company have been sponsoring United since 1980 but no details of the amount involved have ever been revealed before by either side.

Baseball

Milwaukee Brewers 2, Boston Red Sox 0; Chicago White Sox 1, Cleveland Indians 2; Kansas City Royals 6, Detroit Tigers 4; Texas Rangers 4, Los Angeles Angels 4; Minnesota Twins 1, Seattle Mariners 4; St. Louis Cardinals 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Boston Red Sox 4, Kansas City Royals 3; St. Louis Cardinals 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Cleveland Indians 4, Texas Rangers 7.

Tennis

Wimbledon: First round (US unless stated). Boris Becker (FR) 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; Ivan Lendl (CZ) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; John McEnroe (USA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Yannick Noah (FR) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Andre Agassi (USA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Tim Lister-Jones (GB) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Brad Gilbert (USA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Peter Dinkov (BUL) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Michael Chang (TAI) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Andrei Panatta (ITA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Adriano Panatta (ITA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Adriano Panatta (ITA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

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Three of the world's top 10 players, Guillermo Vilas, Jose-Luis Clerico, and Yannick Noah, were late withdrawals, but McEnroe, Lendl and Connors are all playing.

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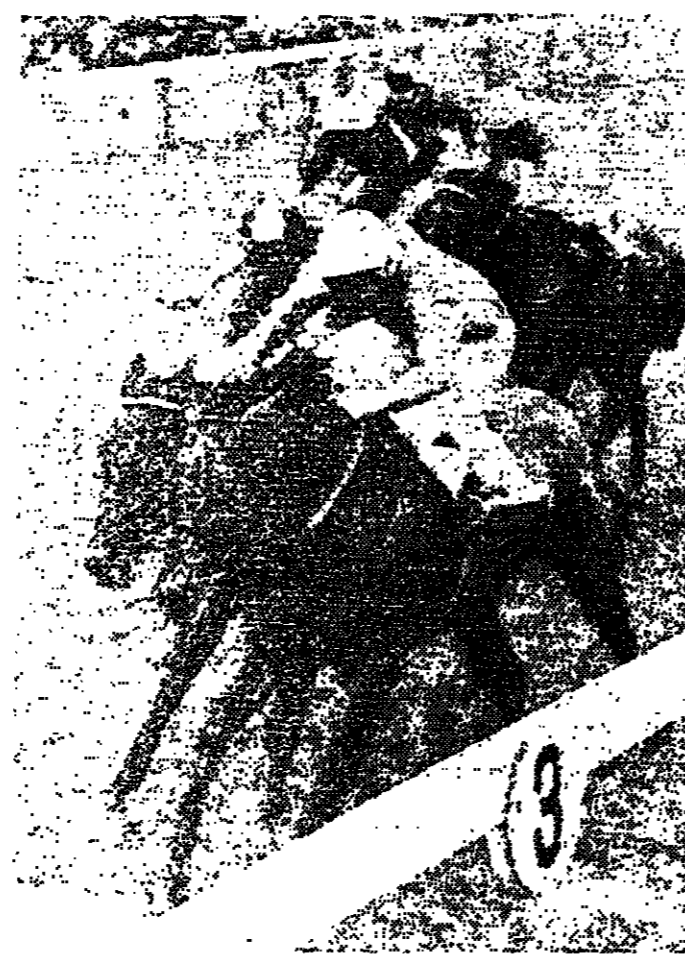
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RACING: ANOTHER ENGLISH TRIUMPH FOR VINCENT O'BRIEN

Eddery has the whip hand on brave Caerleon

By Michael Seely

Both Caerleon and Sun Princess stamped themselves as leading contenders for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on rain-soaked ground at York yesterday. Brilliantly ridden by Pat Eddery, who was gaining his third consecutive triumph in the centrepiece of the opening day of Yorkshire's festival of racing, the French Derby winner showed superb courage and stamina when resisting the determined assault of the French-trained Sun Princess...



Caerleon holds the challenge of Hot Touch.

The withdrawal of Sareef Dancer must have come as a bitter disappointment to the enormous crowd who had been hopeful of watching the Irish Derby winner confirm his superiority over Caerleon. Michael Stoute said: "It is very annoying and frustrating, but I know I made the right decision. I have no immediate plans for the horse. This appeared to be an ideal opportunity of winning another group one race as fast ground and as the season progresses these opportunities become fewer."

Walter Swinburn, the stable jockey, endorsed the trainer's opinion. "Mr Stoute was 100 per cent right. Sareef Dancer would not have won under these conditions." Sun Princess, on the other hand had already shown that she loves testing going when winning the Oaks by 12 lengths. Yesterday the English Princess again confirmed that she is the best of her age and sex in these islands. Give Thanks, the impressive winner of the Irish Oaks was going easily early in the straight, but could only take

third place, seven lengths behind Sun Princess. When finishing a close third to Time Charter in the Diamond Stakes at Ascot the filly had fought hard for her head in the early stages, but on this occasion she settled down and relaxed in the lead. "This is a very good filly," the trainer said. "She will go for the Arc, but I would first like to run her in the Prix Vermeille."

Hern and Castle went on to complete a double when Elusive sprinted home two lengths clear of Axios in the Ascot Stakes. In recent years the Royal colours have also been carried to victory in this listed race by Height of Fashion and Tartan Plimpolton. The only other favourite to succeed during the afternoon was Adonijah, who had no

Soft going hardens Teeno's chance

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The ground could easily hold the key to the outcome of the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York today, now that there has been rain to an appreciable quantity there. The Derby winner, Teeno, who excelled himself on soft ground in the spring will be in his element once again, and he is my selection. Had it remained firm, it might have been sensible to go for the Eclipse Stakes winner, Solford, who was blissfully at ease on the firm ground at Sandown, especially as Teeno looked like a cat on hot bricks when he finished only third behind Sareef Dancer and Caerleon in the Irish Derby where the ground was hard. But yesterday's rain on top of a heavily watered course will have had sweet music in his trainer, Geoff Waggs's ears, and anyone who was watching the race in May and at Epsom on Derby Day will not need reminding how effective he is when there is some give underfoot.

Robinson also says that Dazari is expected to acquit himself well after his victory in the Scottish Derby. However, bearing that race in mind, there must be a doubt whether Teeno will have been dropped from the Hicks led alone Teeno. Seymour Hicks looked very unlucky at Ayr where he got into all manner of trouble in the straight. Yet he must have been a pretty good runner. Teeno can beat them because he also trains Hot Touch, who was breathing down their necks at Ayr.

With 18 stayers standing their ground overnight, the Toté-Ebor is a highly open sell. Another sign of hero of the race last year, non-runner heads the weights, and he will be endeavouring to become the first horse to win this race twice since Flint Jack achieved the feat in 1922. Another sign seems to be that the favourite, Solford, is bound to run, as indeed should his stable companion, Ambiance, who acquitted himself so well against Prince of Princes at Lingfield earlier this month.

Youth must rise like swallows to the occasion

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The two more fancied sides in today's semi-finals of the NatWest Trophy, Middlesex and Kent, have their problems. Kent will be without Woolmer and possibly Dilley when they meet Hampshire at Canterbury and Middlesex, although Edmonds is expected to be fit to play for them, are bound to miss Butcher, a brilliant one-day cricketer, in their home match with Somerset. Woolmer's absence with a back sprain leaves Kent's early batting largely in the hands of the young English talent. Aslett, Benson, Crowder and Taylor are all either 24 or 25. Benson has been making a lot of runs and Crowder is now such a good and spirited cricketer that one begins to wonder whether he might not one day take off and achieve great things. In the whole world there can be few, if any, better fielders.

Without Woolmer, Kent may need Crowder to bowl today, as well as to bat at No. 5 and catch swallows. Dilley will play if passed fit this morning, if not, Jarvis will. There is a good blend to this Kent side. Hampshire, more typical of the modern set-up, would not have got where they are without substantial overseas assistance. But they, too, have an English captain with a traditional English background. Although winners of the championship in 1961 and 1973 and of the John Player League in 1975 and 1978, Hampshire have yet to play at Lord's in a one-day final. Unless they do so soon they will be getting a complex about it. If being at home gives Kent a slight edge, Hampshire meant it when they said after the draw had been made for the semi-finals that it suited them in every respect but one. They were hoping, as happened, to draw Kent as their opponents, but at Southampton.

If Edmonds plays Middlesex will be left this morning only to decide who bats at No. 5. It will probably be Tomlin, though it could be Ellis, and Breatley is back in consideration. Breatley, I think, might rather not play, not simply because he is short of competitive cricket, but owing to an appointment at Cambridge later this week. He has a paper to read there to a gathering of mighty intellects, followed by questions to be answered. It is a little like having to lecture a World XI before facing them in the nets. Charles Fry, among cricketers, might have done it, and Alfred Lyttelton, but precious few. In a match of many fine cricketers it is still the most likely to decide things off his own bat. He has a marvellous record in one-day matches at Lord's and is right back in form after, for him, not much of a winter. Somerset will field the side that beat Lancashire at Old Trafford and Sussex at Hove. Middlesex have only Gating who can get anywhere near to matching Richards. Middlesex, on the other hand, have the better bowling, and in a team chosen from the two sides they would undoubtedly be the more strongly represented. Today's should be good, close matches given equal batting conditions for the opposing sides. Play begins at 10.30, an improvement on the 10.00 start which made last year's corresponding round something of a lottery.

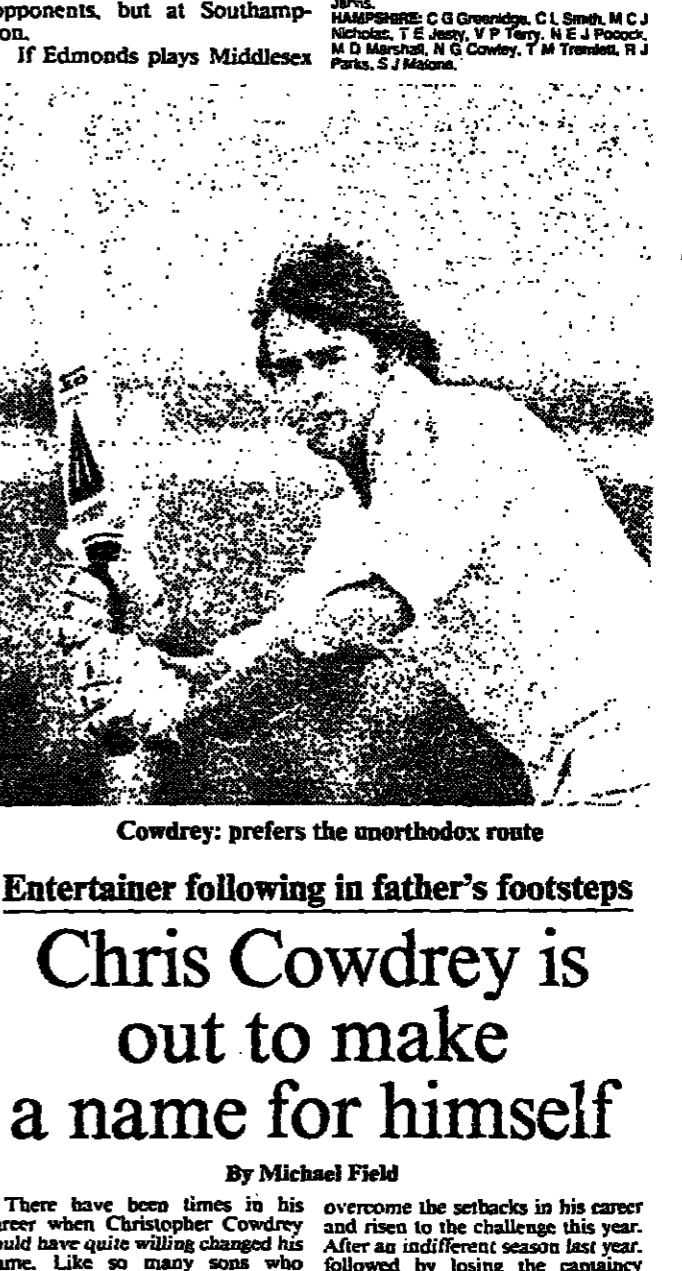
Ebor day at York

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Full results from York

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Results. Includes results for 2.0 KNAVEBERRY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,474: 7), 2.35 MOOREVILLE CONVIVAL STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £5,345: 50) (13), 3.10 TOTÉ-EBOR HANDICAP (£27,652: 1m 01) (18), 3.40 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group I: 3-y-o: £24,136: 1m 40) (5).



Cowdrey: prefers the unorthodox route

Entertainer following in father's footsteps

Chris Cowdrey is out to make a name for himself

There have been times in his career when Christopher Cowdrey could have quite willingly changed his name. Like so many sons who follow fathers, his name has been burdened with comparisons. "It has been annoying an all rather pointless," Cowdrey said. "There's no point in comparing chalk and cheese. My father was on a different plane to me technically... but his game was geared to the long innings; mine is based more on the one-day game."

Colin Cowdrey played in 114 Test Matches, more than any other cricketer, and is the third highest run scorer of all time: a difficult act to follow, as his eldest son has discovered ever since he first played for the Kent Second Eleven when aged 15, and a Tonbridge schoolboy. "I was expected to play the same way, but how could I possibly aspire to that brilliant technique?" he said. "I've often been criticised for my method, which some people see as unorthodox... although unkind words have been said. But in the modern game you have to play shots... you have to entertain and so attack is paramount in your mind. Spectators aren't keen to see the sort of long innings my father was so very good at."

Great Yarmouth

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Includes races like 2.15 BOTTON BROTHERS STAKES (ladies: £1,293: 1m 00) (10 runners), 2.45 PLEASURE BEACH STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £7,04: 15) (25y) (11), 3.15 FRANK STONE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,110: 6) (8), 3.45 HALL QUAY STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,035: 7) (12).

York selections

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Selections. Includes selections for 2.0 Sharpish, 2.35 Tocove, 3.10 Mutarak Of Kuwait, 3.40 Teeno, 4.15 Prickle, 4.45 Karadar, 5.15 Aysan.

Devon & Exeter

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Includes races like 2.45 SIGMA PAINTS HURDLE (Div I novices: £508: 2m 10) (8 runners), 4.45 SIGMA PAINTS HURDLE (Div II: £493: 2m 10) (2), 5.15 HALDON HILL CHASE (handicap amateurs: £1,025: 1m 10) (12).

Devon selections

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Folkestone results

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ATHLETICS: THE BATTLE CONTINUES AT THE EUROPEAN CUP FINAL

The newly crowned princes take golden ways to the Palace

By Pat Butcher

More than half the world championship gold medal winners are expected at Crystal Palace, this weekend...

distance, but just failed to qualify for Helsinki, even though he also won the AAA title...

Keith Connor will be party to another interesting confrontation in the triple jump...

Allan Wells should need no urging, especially in the 200 metres...

There is no possibility of Britain challenging the prospect of winners of the week-end events...

Finland did not reach either of the finals, so Miss Whitbread will not get the opportunity of a return match against Tina Lilak...

In Helsinki, as in Athens last year in the European championships, Cova came from behind on the last lap...

Daley Thompson, Britain's only other gold medal winner from Helsinki, declined the offer of the place in the long jump...



Connor: hope, step and jump

Calvin Smith and Ennmit King, who won silver and bronze medals behind him. Coghlan, Ireland's first gold medal winner in a major championships since Ron Delaney...

Kenyan seeks inquiry

Nairobi (Reuters) - Isiah Kiplagat, the secretary of the Kenyan Amateur Athletic Association, has called for an official investigation into the poor showing of Kenya at the world championships in Helsinki...

"Our athletes have shamed us and we must find out why," he said, demanding an inquiry to examine the medical failure after the athletes returned in world-class times at meetings in West Germany and Hungary before the championships.

CYCLING

Tour man takes to world stage

By John Wilcockson

Two Glasgow cyclists, the professional Robert Miller and the amateur James McLaughlin, are in the British team for the world championship road races at Altenrhein, Switzerland...

Miller, the Tour de France stage winner, competes in the 70-kilometre professional road race...

McLaughlin receives his first world championship place at the expense of the talented Liverpool amateur Joseph McLaughlin...

Mealy Jones will defend her world title in the four-lap 60-kilometre women's road race...

The make-up of Britain's quartet in the 100-kilometre team time trial will be determined after a training session this evening...

EQUESTRIANISM

Onus falls on women

By Jenny MacArthur

Michael Tucker's General Bugle is out of the team for the European three day event championships this week at Frauenfeld in Switzerland...

This leaves an all female team to defend Britain's European title, and only one individual rider - Rachel Bayliss, with Myrtle Minister...

It is a bitter blow for Tucker, who flew out to Switzerland on Sunday after commenting for BBC television at the Midland Bank championships at Locko Park...

The only consolation for the Gloucestershire rider aged 28, is that General Bugle is only eight and should have many years ahead of him in top level competition...

RUGBY LEAGUE: THE MAN BEHIND KENT INVICTA

A 'hip' chairman out on a limb

When policemen start to look younger than you, it is time to start worrying, but when the chairman of a Rugby League club looks younger, it is time for serious panic to set in...

What is more, he is a dyed-in-the-wool Southerner. "I went to watch Fulham Rugby League club as a joke. But I was mesmerized"...

Smoking a real chairman-of-the-board cigar, but wearing a tee-shirt bearing the legend "New York Mets" and faded blue jeans...

"I want to sell the sport to the local people. The match ball for our first game against Cardiff on Sunday will be brought to the pitch by parachute. We plan to have majorettes and Kentish Morris dancers. After all, this is Kent. But the ultimate thing is the 80 minutes of action."

Now Belfast team may join League

By Keith Macklin

An attempt by a consortium of businessmen to launch a rugby team in Belfast was announced yesterday by David Oxley, the League's secretary...

Mr Oxley was enthusiastic not only to report that other areas in Britain were considering the formation of teams but also about the exciting impact of the game's new international laws.

Already clubs and players are enthusing about the laws, particularly the release of the ball on the six metre line, and giving of the loose head and fixed to the attacking side at a scrumage...

Referees have been instructed to tidy up the play the ball rule and to make sure that the ball is brought cleanly and properly into play after a tackle...

MOTOR RACING

Hotels back final race

Johannesburg (Reuters) - A hotel chain has announced sponsorship of the South African Grand Prix, the final event of this year's world championship...

South African motor racing authorities have struggled for several years to find a sponsor in an effort to keep the race, on October 15, on the Grand Prix calendar...

Williams, whose current drivers are Keke Rosberg of Finland, the 1982 world champion, Jacques Laffite, a Frenchman, will mount Honda's six-cylinder 1,500cc twin turbo engines on their cars for next year's world Formula One championship...

La crème de la crème also on page 20

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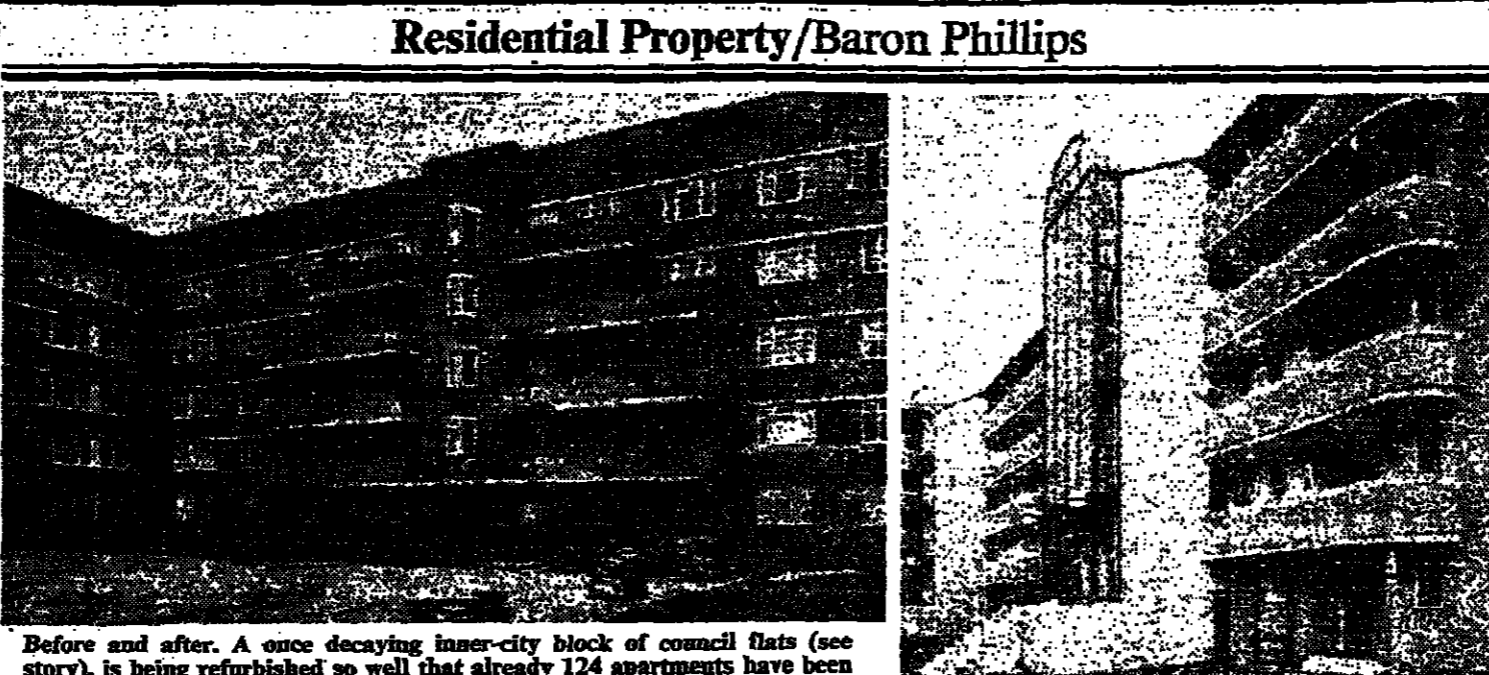
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Before and after. A once decaying inner-city block of council flats (see story), is being refurbished so well that already 124 apartments have been sold at attractive prices.

Building to beat the inner-city decay

Less than a mile from Liverpool's main shopping areas is a fine example of what can be done with Britain's decaying inner-city areas. In the midst of an area of near-dereliction, young couples and single professionals are buying homes of their own...

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A unique development of 100 luxury flats in the heart of the island. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full central heating, garage, 1 acre of land...

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Luxury apartment. Large double living room, dining area, private terrace, swimming pool, tennis court, 24-hour security...

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Spacious 3 bedroom house in lovely location. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full central heating, garage, 1 acre of land...

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The Swiss chalet. Complete range of flats & apartments for sale in the heart of the Swiss Alps. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full central heating, garage, 1 acre of land...

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Luxury flat in block of 9, private development. Own swimming pool 10 mins. by car from Cala de Formentor...

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Plot on beautiful residential estate in the heart of the French Riviera. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full central heating, garage, 1 acre of land...

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1903-1983: Terrifying thoroughfares abhorred by all travellers

The coterminous of London's east end are less of a traffic hazard today than they were in 1903, and the unhappy union between wooden pavements and macadam strips near Brent Bridge has been long dissolved...

But London's road network is just as inefficient today as it was 80 years ago, with frustrations of a difficult kind reducing the speed of traffic to little faster than that of a marathon runner.

A special test by the Royal Automobile Club along some of the capital's main roads has shown that motorists face as many difficulties now as the RAC reported their predecessors did in 1903.

In that year club officials escorted members of the Royal Commission on London Traffic in horseless carriages on a 32-mile route across London. The jaunt was followed by a report in the club's journal of inadequate roads, congestion and long delays.

The report said that an offer had been made by the RAC to place motor cars at the disposal of the commissioners, in the belief that some personal knowledge of the main roads of London would probably convey to the commissioners a keener appreciation of the great need for wider and better roads.

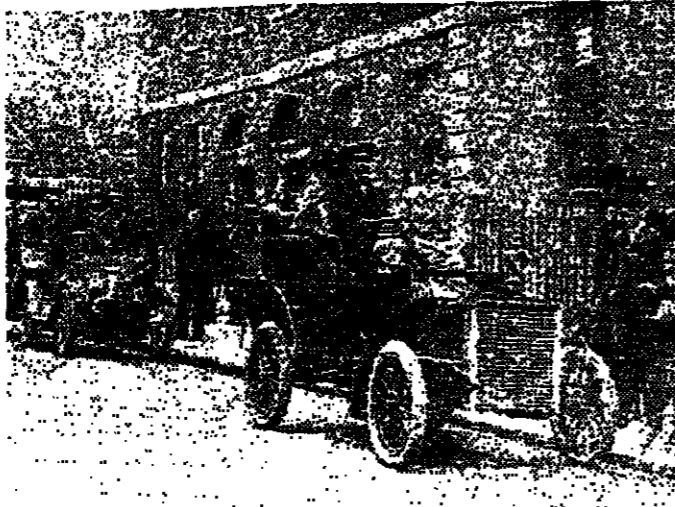
The report added: "It was pointed out that at the present moment no facilities exist for the building of new trunk roads to relieve the traffic on the few existing main roads."

The Times has ventured along the route the commissioners took and, like the RAC which tried it a few days ago, clocked up an average speed of under 14 mph.

The journey started at the Bank in the City, taking in Ealing, Willesden, Paddington, Mayfair, Bloomsbury, King's Cross, Walthamstow, and Stratford.

In Brentford, cyclists were frequently the speediest travellers. At Ealing Common traffic was compressed like thick liquid passing through a sclerotic artery. Immobile for 10 minutes at the Edgware Road junction with Harrow Road, one jam led to another until the journey was completed in just under two and a half hours.

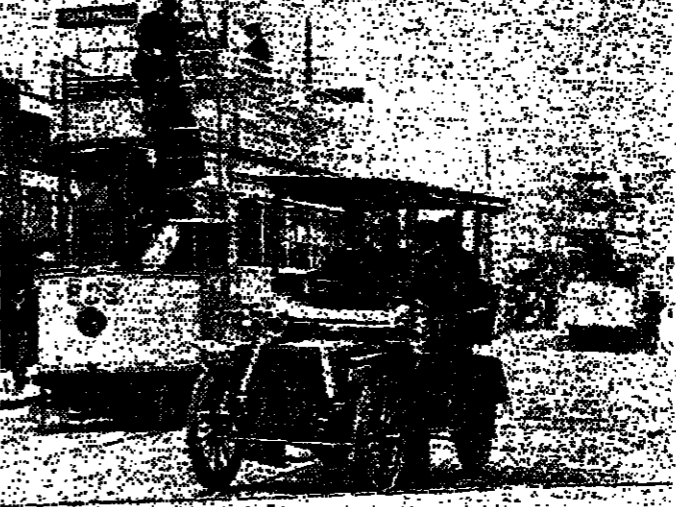
Mr Tony Lee, the RAC's director of public affairs, commented: "It is about time that thousands of motorists and drivers of freight transport were relieved of the deplorable difficulties they face." London's road network demanded a comprehensive reappraisal, he added. Just as it did in 1903.



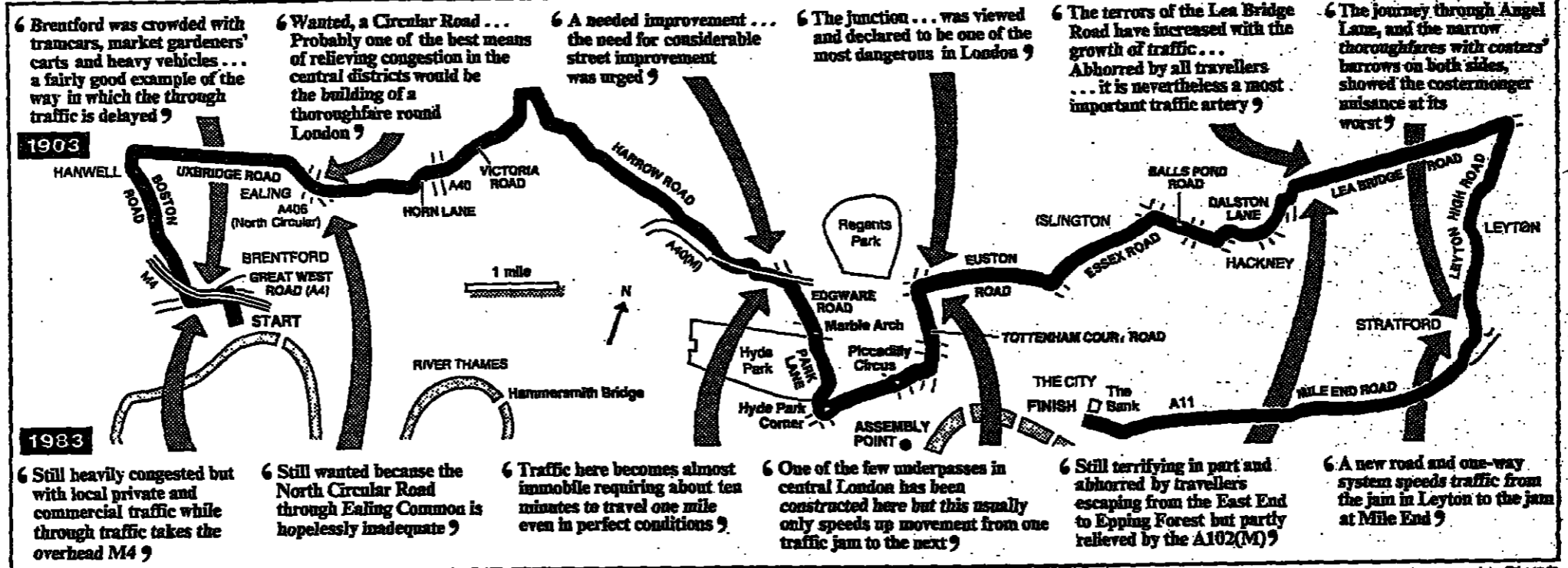
1903: The caravan assembles in Great George Street.



Near Hammersmith Bridge - pause for consultation.



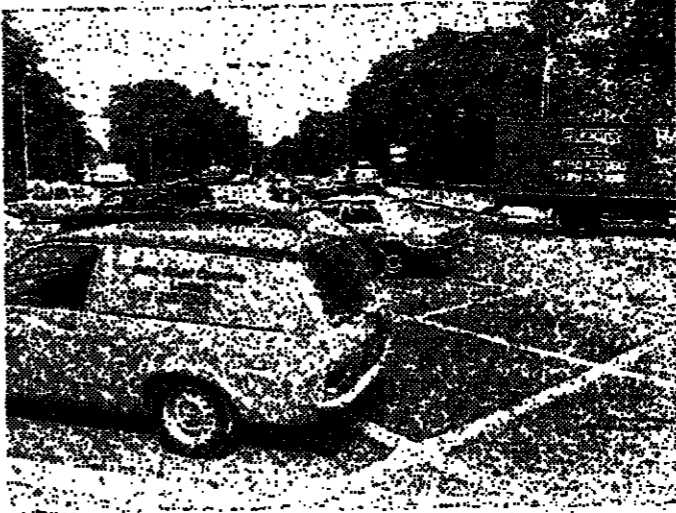
"Congestion" near the old Uxbridge Road station.



1983, Great George Street today: Hustle and bustle.



Hammersmith Bridge: More trees, no horses.



Uxbridge Road where it crosses the North Circular.

US apology to France for aiding Barbie

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Americans were deeply concerned Barbie would return to the British if they stopped using him. "The revelation of Barbie's connection to CIC as an informant would have been a serious blow to CIC's prestige in the eyes of the British," according to a secret CIC memorandum dated early 1948.

Barbie, now aged 69, is in a French prison awaiting trial. While head of the Gestapo in Lyons from 1942 to 1944 he is alleged to have ordered the murder of 4,000 French Jews and to have deported 7,500 others to Nazi concentration camps.

Despite the conclusion that "responsible officials of the Army interfered with the lawful and proper administration of justice", the report says there are no grounds under American law for criminal action to be taken against anyone involved.

Under the US statute of limitations an indictment must be brought within five years after commission of an offence. It is 33 years since Barbie escaped to Bolivia and 11 years since France managed to obtain positive information of his presence there.

The report also defends the original recruitment of Barbie by the Americans on the grounds that his alleged involvement in war crimes did not become widely known until two years after he started working for them.

"It is important to realize that Klaus Barbie is far more notorious today than he ever was, except in Lyons, during or immediately after the war," the report states. The Americans decided to recruit him because of his counter-intelligence expertise and his strong anti-communist sentiments.

The report notes that both the British and French intelligence services also made use of former Nazis as informants. "It must also be said that no other nation in occupied Germany - France, Great Britain or the Soviet Union - is in any position to criticize the decision to use Klaus Barbie now that the US Government has revealed the facts behind that use," the report concludes.

The recommendation to apologize to France met with stiff resistance from some State Department officials which was responsible for a delay of several days in the report's publication.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Exhibitions Lincolnshire Rose Society first members table show for beginners and small growers, Odeffellows Hall, Portland Street, Lincoln, 7.30. Action Scott Working Farm Museum (life on an old Shropshire farm), Wetlock Lodge, Action Scott, near Church Street, Shropshire, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 6, Bank holidays 10 to 6; (until Oct 31). Pace Setters III; painting, drawing sculpture, photography, ceramics and textiles selected for The City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun and Mon; (until Sept 3).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,210

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words.

ACROSS 1 PM a skilled occupation? It can be so described (7-5). 2 Pacific middle name for this writer (9). 3 Exit with a bang (2,3). 4 Undercover, this information (6). 5 Spot of Chinese take-away? (8). 6 Zigzag vehicle returning through tunnel (6). 7 As writer of farce, 'e' appears to get across (8). 8 Earliest form of conveyance (5-3). 9 Sometime Rome's establishment needed more than this (3,3). 10 Vessel might cause trouble to Pleas (8). 11 Prepared search for 11 evidence of water (3,3). 12 Head of family tree? (5). 13 State makes provision (9). 14 Becky placed, we hear, like Keat's Cortez (5-7).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,209 DOWN 1 Produced by pussy-willows, naturally? (7). 2 Implying boldness with money (5). 3 Flowery aim of strip-tease (5,4). 4 This act said to get the bird (4). 5 Year when to move - location unspecified (8).

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New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: The Golden Days of Westminster, by Leslie Field (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95). The Best of Benetton, by Michael Benetton (Granada, £8.95). Conversations in Medicine: Convergence and divergence in tradition, edited by G. R. Dunstan and Mary J. Sellar (Oxford, £8.50).

The papers

There is only one comment to be made on the strong tip that Mr Michael Mencher will be the next Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, the Daily Mirror says. "It would be a disaster. Mr Mencher is not up to the job", the paper claims. "He is standing only because Mr Tony Benn, having lost his seat earlier. It says his only aim is as a disciple of Mr Benn's and his only function would be to keep the seat warm."

Roads

London and South East: A23: Delays between Polesay and Warmingley, Sussex. Road narrowing on Chelsea Embankment between Chelsea Bridge and Battersea Bridge. A291: Temporary signals at Bucks Green, west of Horsham, Sussex.

The pound

Table with columns for currency types (Bank Buys, Bank Sells) and values for various countries like Australia, Canada, Denmark, etc.

Anniversaries

Oliver St John Gogarty, writer, was born in Dublin, 1878. Matthew Boulton, engineer, died in Birmingham, 1809. The building of the Berlin Wall began, 1961.

Weather

A trough of low pressure over N England will move slowly northwards. 6 am to midnight London, SE, central E England, Midlands: Dry, sunny periods with occasional light or moderate rain.

High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Southampton, etc.

Around Britain

Table showing weather forecasts for various British locations like Aberdeen, Glasgow, Manchester, etc.

London

Table showing the highest and lowest temperatures for London over a period of days.

Ahead

Table showing weather forecasts for various international locations like Moscow, Warsaw, etc.